GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STARRED QUESTION NO:74
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FOREST LAND IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of forest land in the country, State-wise during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether any special scheme is being implemented for the States, having less forest land, to bring them at par with the level of national average;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the estimated amount likely to be spent in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d) A Statement has been laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in para (a) to (d) of Starred Question No. 74 by Shri N.S.V. Chitthan and Shrimati Maneka Gandhi on Forest Land in the Country to be answered on 22.10.2008.

(a) The extent of land described in the government records as forests is 7,69,626 sq. kms. as per the State of Forest Report-2005. The State-wise details are placed as Annexure-I.

(b) No, there is no special scheme being implemented for States having less forest land to bring them at par with the level of national average;

(c)&(d) Does not arise.